bodies that have not adequately raised the pay of the teachers in consequence of the abolition of the capitation allowance are the following :—

Local bodies.	Municipalities.
(1) Salem.	(1) Rajahmundry.
(2) Kanigiri.	(2) Peddapur.

It is however reported that the Taluk Board, Salem, is arranging to enhance the pay of its teachers.—

(*d*), (*e*), (*f*) & (*g*) It is not clear to which Government Order reference is made.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Do the Government propose to take any action as regards the four local bodies ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" They will be allowed to consider the question and adjust their finances."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" If they do not, will the Government take steps to insist upon them ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" It is very difficult to take any drastic action against any local body because it is local self-government."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Subject to Government grant. When Government grants are largely given, they should be charitable or forced to pay more to their subordinates."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Unless they have very seriously disobeyed their orders, the Government will be reluctant to interfere with their discretion. But if they fail to discharge their duty after warning, then necessary steps will be taken."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" I wish to know whether any warning has been given ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" The attention of the local bodies has been drawn to the necessity of attending to the salaries of teachers."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Followed by any warning ? "

Admission of depressed classes in elementary schools under public management.

*323 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of elementary schools run by public bodies in the Presidency according to the latest statistics obtained by the Government ;

(*b*) the number of elementary schools out of the total number of schools under public management in the Presidency in which the members of the depressed classes are admitted freely ; and

(*c*) if the Government have no information whether they will call for the information ?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to supplemental statistics Nos. 36 and 56 in Volume II of the Report on Public Instruction for 1923–24.

(*b*) & (*c*) The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 1825, Law (Education), dated 24th November 1924, which contains the particulars available with the Government. Local bodies and the Director of Public Instruction will be instructed to furnish the additional particulars required by the hon. Member when submitting their reports for 1924–25 on the admission of pupils of the depressed classes into schools under public management.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" With reference to (*b*) of the question, I find from the Government Order referred to in the answer that the Government themselves are agreed that the local bodies in the South Arcot district as well as in other districts are not co-operating with the inspecting officers in the matter of free admission of pupils of depressed classes. Since they have disobeyed the Government Order, I wish to know from the hon. the Minister for Education whether he is not going to take any stringent measure with reference to withdrawing the grant for such schools."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" We advise them to follow the spirit of the Government Order and if they do not follow in making free admission of all classes of boys into the public schools, then the question suggested by my hon. Friend, namely, whether drastic steps should be taken or not in regard to the subsidies given to them, will be considered."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know whether they are now denying admission to members of the depressed classes ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" My information is that they have chosen to abide by the advice of the Government and are willing to admit all classes of boys into the schools. If there is any specific instance where a school managed by a public body has not admitted the boys of the depressed classes, certainly action will be taken against it."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know whether the policy of the Government is to start separate schools for members of the depressed classes ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I would deprecate that question for two reasons. As a general rule, questions should not be put about policy. Secondly, we have reached 12 o'clock and we have done only about 23 questions and there are 6 or 7 more. Hon. Members will kindly use some discretion in asking only necessary supplemental questions. Otherwise, I shall be obliged to pass on to the next order of the day."

Co-operation.

Lending rates of primary societies.

* 324 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that some assistant registrars issued, even prior to March 1924, circulars insisting on the primary societies lowering their lending rates by $1\frac{3}{16}$th per cent, whereas the financing central bank reduced their rates only by $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent ;